

We claim:

1. A method for transfer of employee stock options, the method comprising:
providing a decision period for transfer of employee stock options, the decision
period having a first part, and a second part;
5 providing a plurality of option value prices during the first part of the decision period;
and
determining a stock price corresponding to a particular one of the plurality of option
value prices during the second part of the decision period.
2. A method according to claim 1, further comprising prorating transfer of the
10 employee stock options.
3. A method according to claim 2, wherein prorating is proportional across all
transferred options.
4. A method according to claim 2, wherein prorating is by first election for
transfer first transferred.
- 15 5. A method according to claim 1, wherein providing a plurality of option value
prices uses an option pricing formula.
6. A method according to claim 5, wherein the option pricing formula is selected
from the group consisting of Black-Scholes, binomial and trinomial methods.
7. A method according to claim 1, wherein providing a plurality of option value
20 prices provides the plurality of prices in an option-price grid.
8. A method according to claim 1, wherein determining a stock price further
comprises determining an average stock trading price over a predetermined period of time.

9. A method according to claim 1, wherein determining a stock price further comprises determining a stock trading price at a predetermined point in time.

10. A method for transfer of employee stock options, the method comprising:

providing a plurality of transfer periods for transfer of employee stock options;

5 providing a plurality of decision periods during each transfer period;

providing an option value price during each decision period; and

using an option pricing formula to determine the option value price.

11. A method according to claim 10, further comprising:

electing transfer of an employee stock option during a particular decision period; and

10 executing an order for transfer of the employee stock option after the particular decision period.

12. A method according to claim 10, further comprising:

electing transfer of employee stock options during a particular decision period; and

prorating transfer of the employee stock options.

15 13. A method according to claim 12, wherein prorating is proportional across all transferred options.

14. A method according to claim 12, wherein prorating is by first election for transfer first transferred.

15. A system for transfer of employee stock options, the system comprising:

20 means for providing a decision period for transfer of employee stock options, the decision period having a first part, and a second part;

means for providing a plurality of option value prices during the first part of the decision period; and

means for determining a stock price corresponding to a particular one of the plurality of option value prices during the second part of the decision period.

16. A system for transfer of employee stock options, the system comprising:

means for providing a plurality of transfer periods for transfer of employee stock

5 options;

means for providing a plurality of decision periods during each transfer period;

means for providing an option value price during each decision period; and

means for using an option pricing formula to determine the option value price.

17. Computer executable software code transmitted as an information signal, the

10 code for transfer of employee stock options, the code comprising:

code to provide a decision period for transfer of employee stock options, the decision period having a first part, and a second part;

code to provide a plurality of option value prices during the first part of the decision period; and

15 code to determine a stock price corresponding to a particular one of the plurality of option value prices during the second part of the decision period.

18. A computer-readable medium having computer executable software code stored thereon, the code for transfer of employee stock options, the code comprising:

code to provide a decision period for transfer of employee stock options, the decision
20 period having a first part, and a second part;

code to provide a plurality of option value prices during the first part of the decision period; and

code to determine a stock price corresponding to a particular one of the plurality of option value prices during the second part of the decision period.

19. A programmed computer for transfer of employee stock options, comprising:
a memory having at least one region for storing computer executable program code;

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a processor for executing the program code stored in the memory, wherein the program code comprises:

code to provide a decision period for transfer of employee stock options, the decision period having a first part, and a second part;

10 code to provide a plurality of option value prices during the first part of the decision period; and

code to determine a stock price corresponding to a particular one of the plurality of option value prices during the second part of the decision period.

20. Computer executable software code transmitted as an information signal, the

15 code for transfer of employee stock options, the code comprising:

code to provide a plurality of transfer periods for transfer of employee stock options;

code to provide a plurality of decision periods during each transfer period;

code to provide an option value price during each decision period; and

code to use an option pricing formula to determine the option value price.

20 21. A computer-readable medium having computer executable software code stored thereon, the code for transfer of employee stock options, the code comprising:

code to provide a plurality of transfer periods for transfer of employee stock options;

code to provide a plurality of decision periods during each transfer period;

code to provide an option value price during each decision period; and

code to use an option pricing formula to determine the option value price.

22. A programmed computer for transfer of employee stock options, comprising:

a memory having at least one region for storing computer executable program code;

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a processor for executing the program code stored in the memory, wherein the

program code comprises:

code to provide a plurality of transfer periods for transfer of employee stock options;

code to provide a plurality of decision periods during each transfer period;

10 code to provide an option value price during each decision period; and

code to use an option pricing formula to determine the option value price.